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COPS TAKE TO THE ROOFTOP OF THE WESTMINSTER DUNKIN' DONUTS STORE IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS MARYLAND

Police Officers from the Westminster Police Department and Troopers from the Maryland State Police (Westminster Barrack) will collect donations for Special Olympics Maryland on the rooftop of the Westminster Dunkin' Donuts the weekend of September 25th-26th

Anyone who ever thought nothing good could come from cops sitting around (or in this case ON) a donut shop might reconsider that notion when "Cops on Rooftops" – a fundraiser for Special Olympics Maryland -- comes to the Westminster Dunkin' Donuts location on Saturday, Sept. 25 through Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010.

As part of a national fundraising effort for Special Olympics, Chief Jeff Spaulding of the Westminster Police Department and Lieutenant Andrew Winner, Commander of the Maryland State Police Barrack in Westminster, have volunteered to spend the weekend on the roof of Dunkin' Donuts restaurant in Westminster (140 Shopping Center on Route 140). Their collective fundraising goal is \$5,000 and they have vowed that they will not come down until all of that money has been collected.

In 2009, the first year a Maryland location participated in the promotion, the Laurel Dunkin' Donuts and Laurel Police Department raised more than \$7,000. This year five (5) Dunkin' Donuts locations across the state will take part in the program: Laurel, College Park, Ocean City, Glen Burnie and Westminster.

Dunkin' Donuts customers and the general public alike are encouraged to stop by and support the officers in their efforts to raise both funds and awareness for the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Maryland. Along with law enforcement volunteers who will be on the rooftop, other officers and Special Olympics Athletes will greet customers inside and outside of the store, passing around donation jars and rallying support for this great cause. A merchandise table will also be set up, with Torch Run t-shirts for sale as well as raffle tickets for a 2009 crimson red Harley-Davidson Rocker C

customized motorcycle with chrome from the Flames Edition. Additionally, there will be an outdoor festival from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday which will include a variety of activities for the entire family as well as a moon bounce, rock climbing wall, police canine and motorcycle demonstrations, a static display of police vehicles, face painting and a Chinese Auction.

“Cops and donuts have a long, humorous history together, so it was only fitting that we team up with the great folks at Dunkin’ Donuts for this light-hearted event,” said Chief Jeff Spaulding. “This event allows us to do something great for an incredible organization and poke a little fun at ourselves at the same time. What could be better than that?”

The event conceived by a group of the law enforcement officers from Illinois, who in 2009, took to the rooftops of 94 Dunkin’ Donuts locations across the state and raised more than \$182,000.

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